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Life-size Sistine Chapel in a luxurious \$ 22,000 book

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In three volumes and 822 pages, the publisher Callaway offers to admire as closely as possible all the details of the Vatican masterpiece through photos at 1: 1 scale, the rendering of which is said to be as faithful as possible.



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"Like a bird on Michelangelo's shoulder,"

promises the editor.

The Sistine Chapel in three volumes and 822 pages will be available for sale from November 1.

Published by the New York house of Callaway, the books of about two feet in height, bound in silk and white calfskin, include photographs of all the frescoes in the papal building, at scale 1: 1.

All the work of Michelangelo, Perugino, Sandro Botticelli, Domenico Ghirlandaio, Cosimo Rosselli and Pinturicchio under the eyes and in one (muscular) hand.

Soberly called

The Sistine Chapel

, it will be sold for the modest sum of \$ 22,000.

Or 2000 euros per kilo for this box of approximately 11 kilos.

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The objective of such a company is to offer a look at these original works.

"You see everything at the same size, very close,"

said Nicholas Callaway, who believes that the price to pay is, all in all, low for a work that is

"unique things"

or

"in the context of the market. 'art'

.

To achieve the most meticulous result possible, a team of photographers worked for 67 nights to immortalize every corner of the Sistine Chapel, using the best cameras equipped with gigapixel technology.

A total of 270,000 images were assembled to obtain the final result.

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Digitally printed, the photos were compared to the works and the publisher estimates the colors 99.4% match those of the frescoes.

To photograph every inch of the chapel, the teams used a ladder more than 10 meters high.

Vatican Museum.

"One of our main goals is to make a significant portion of the circulation available to institutions where these books will be accessible to all and for generations to come,"

says Nicholas Callaway.

The Sistine Chapel

will be limited to 1999 copies.

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